

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 were previously cancelled. Please now cancel claims 30-53, all of the claims in the application, as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application. Please add new claims 54-78 as follows.

Claims 1-53 (Cancelled)

54. (New) A dressing handling device comprising:

a dressing storage assembly including a frame;

a dressing receiving chute in said dressing storage assembly and adapted to receive a dressing to be removed from a cylinder;

a dressing feeding chute in said dressing storage assembly and adapted to feed a dressing to be applied to the cylinder;

at least one dressing transport means in said storage assembly and assigned to both of said chutes;

at least one movable dressing holding means on said at least one dressing transport means; and

at least one fixed dressing holding means secured to said frame and adapted to exert a frictional connection with a dressing in each said chute.

55. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 further including a dressing contact pressure device intermediate said storage assembly and the cylinder and

including a cross beam supporting at least one dressing engageable roller, and a drive means usable to selectively place said at least one roller into contact with one of the cylinders and said dressing on the cylinder.

56. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 55 wherein said drive mechanism includes a hollow body adapted to be charged with a pressure medium.

57. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 56 further including a plurality of rollers arranged side-by-side in an axial direction of said cross beam and being operable by said hollow body.

58. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 56 wherein one of said dressing contact pressure device and said cross beam is movable to selectively vary a distance between said at least one roller and the cylinder.

59. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 wherein said at least one movable dressing holding means is adapted to connect with a dressing in tension to exert a traction force in a longitudinal direction of said chute.

60. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 59 wherein said at least one dressing holding means is a frictional connection.

61. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 59 wherein said at least one dressing holding means includes a hollow body adapted to be charged with a pressure medium.

62. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 wherein one of said fixed dressing holding means is assigned to each of said chutes.

63. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 62 wherein said fixed dressing holding means is adapted to exert a frictional connection force.

64. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 wherein said dressing holding means are hollow bodies adapted to be charged with a medium under pressure.

65. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 further including at least one passage in said at least one dressing transport means for at least one of said chutes, said at least one passage at least partially enclosing said dressing.

66. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 65 further including a second passage for the other of said chutes.

67. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 65 further including holding means on a first side of said passage and wherein a second side of said passage is a counter-support.

68. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 54 further including a flap in said dressing storage assembly adjacent to the cylinder, said flap being positionable in a first position to open a path from the cylinder to said dressing receiving chute, and being positionable in a second position to open a path from said dressing feeding chute to the cylinder.

69. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 68 wherein said flap, in said first position closes said path toward the cylinder against feeding of a dressing to the cylinder.

70. (New) The dressing holding device of claim 68 wherein said flap, in said second position closes said path from the cylinder to said dressing receiving chute.

71. (New) A method for selectively drawing a dressing onto a cylinder and removing a dressing from a cylinder includes:

- providing a dressing storage assembly;

- providing a dressing storage chute in said dressing storage assembly;

- using said dressing storage chute for receiving a dressing to be removed from the cylinder;

- providing a dressing feeding chute in said dressing storage assembly;

- using said dressing feeding chute for feeding a dressing to be positioned on the cylinder;

providing a transport means in said dressing storage assembly;
providing a first holding means on said transport means and assigned to said dressing storage chute;
providing a second holding means on said transport means and assigned to said dressing feeding chute; and
activating one of said first and second holding means during use of said transport means and deactivating the other of said first and second holding means.

72. (New) The method of claim 71 further including activating said holding means assigned to said dressing feeding chute during feeding of a dressing to said cylinder.

73. (New) The method of claim 71 further including activating said holding means assigned to said dressing storage chute during removal of a dressing from said cylinder.

74. (New) The method of claim 71 further including providing at least one roller, positioning said at least one roller intermediate said dressing storage assembly and the cylinder, supporting said roller for movement, and bending said dressing using said roller and causing a leading end of said dressing to be released from the cylinder by said bending.

75. (New) The method of claim 74 further including providing a plate changer including said roller and supporting said plate changer for pivotal movement for moving

said roller between a first position closer to the cylinder and a second position away from the cylinder.

76. (New) A method for selectively removing a dressing from a cylinder including:

providing a dressing storage device;

providing a contact pressure device including at least one roller;

supporting said contact pressure device for moving said at least one roller into and out of contact with a dressing on the cylinder;

contacting the dressing with said roller during removal of the dressing from the cylinder by pivoting said roller;

bending the dressing in response to contacting said dressing with said roller;

causing a torque on said dressing in response to said bending of said dressing; and

using said torque for removing an end of said dressing from the cylinder.

77. (New) The method of claim 76 further including providing a cross beam, and using said cross beam for supporting said contact pressure device for moving said at least one roller.

78. (New) The method of claim 77 further including providing a drive motor for said contact pressure device and using said drive motor for moving said at least one roller.